

Warren Blackhurst Named District Teacher Of Year

HINTON, Jan. 31 (RNS) — Warren E. Blackhurst of Cass has been selected as "Teacher of the Year" for the Southern District, it was disclosed today by Mrs. A. P. Meador, president of the southern district of West Virginia Federation of Women's clubs.

A distinguished teacher, author, speaker and citizen, Blackhurst was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Marlinton Woman's club. His selection will make him eligible to compete with winners in eight other districts for the state "Oscar" award, which will be given at the annual teachers convention at White Sulphur Springs, Feb. 28.

A graduate of Cass Grade School and Green Bank High School, he attended Glenville State Teachers College where he was graduated with honors in 1932. While attending Glenville, he was a member of the state championship debate team in 1929 and 1931. He was president of the senior class and was the first editor of the school paper, "The Glenville Mercury." He received a BA degree in art upon graduation.

Blackhurst also holds credits at West Virginia University, Davis and Elkins College, and West Virginia Wesleyan.

He began his teaching career at Green Bank High School, where he has been for the last 25 years, in 1932, teaching English, Latin and public speaking. He served as senior class advisor for 21 years and was for some time in charge of graduation exercises. In addition, he has written and directed several plays, coached football, organized and taught the first full time course in conservation and has often served as speaker and toastmaster at



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several community and county affairs.

Blackhurst recently wrote and published a book, "Riders of the Flood," which deals with the history of the St. Lawrence Lumber Co., of Cass and its operation during 1884-1895. He also has written several articles for the West Virginia Wildlife Magazine.

He has also served as minister at the Cass Methodist Church, where he is a member, and teaches a women's Bible class. He is a member of the Cass Masonic Lodge and at the present serves as president of the Durbin Lions Club. This summer he represented the club at the International Convention at Miami, Fla.